

# PATCO journal



## *Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization*

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*"Happy 10th Anniversary!!!"*

*by Rich Bottles Jr.*

*Notices on Dues and a Swap meet*

*And Jim Kunz named as president*



*(Looking a little fuzzy at one of the first organized PATCO swap meets on March 9, 1985 in the Consolidated Coal Co. building are, from left, Dick Gaetano, Stevie Kriss, Rodger Hershey, Jim Kunz and Jim Kriss. PATCO had over 90 members after its first year of existence.)*

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# Happy 10th Anniversary!!!

by Rich Bottles Jr.

Most exonomists are familiar with the so-called "Road Trip," where a few local collectors join together in one vehicle in order to attend an out-of-town token or coin show.

Being from different backgrounds and having different professions, these diverse groups of commuters usually spend most of their travel time talking about the one thing that all of them have in common: their hobby.

One such road trip took place 10 years ago when Pittsburgh numismatists Dick Gaetano, Rodger Hershey, Jim Kriss and Jim Kunz joined together for an exonomic excursion to an out-of-state token show in Englewood, Ohio.

"We had gone together as a group to the IKO-TAMS token show near Cincinnati (-Dayton)," recalled Kriss. "And we thought, 'Jeez, it would be great if we could start a club.'"

It also didn't take long to think up a name for the proposed club, since Jim Kunz had some buttons with an interesting acronym. "We came up with the name because we had some buttons with 'PATCO' on them," he explained.

The letters actually stood for the "Professional Air Traffic Controllers' Organization," but with a little work it wasn't hard to make the "Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors' Organization" fit into the same letters.

Kriss said he talked with other collectors at the Ohio show concerning the best way to approach the formation of the new club.

Since he was talking to members of a three-state organization (the Indiana-Kentucky-Ohio Token and Medal Society), it wasn't surprising that the advice he received was to be sure not to limit the proposed club to just one state.

"They said you can never start a club with one state alone," Kriss remembered. "We've always been open to other token interests and we're always going to keep it that way."

And indeed, the front page of the first issue of the PATCO Journal (reproduced on the back) states:

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"Don't let the name fool you. This organization is not made up of, nor requires residence in Pennsylvania, nor is it for the sole collecting of Pennsylvania exonymia."

When the foursome returned to Pittsburgh, they held their first meeting at Hershey's home where a deck of cards decided the order of membership and the positions of president and vice-president.

Accordingly, Kriss (member #1) assumed the role of vice president and Richard Gaetano (#2) became president. Jim Kunz (#3) expressed an interest in editing the journal, while Hershey (#4) agreed to serve as secretary-treasurer.

Hershey said the next step was contacting all their friends in the hobby and asking them to join the new club, some of whom were eager to join just for the honor of being a charter member of something. "We called the guys around here and they became the first charter members," he concluded.

Kunz added, "It wasn't tough getting members, since there was a strong collector base then (in Pittsburgh)."

The first swap meet was held at Kriss's home and attracted collectors such as Bill Adams (#10), Dick Buckley (#5), Richard Crosby (#6) and Larry Dziubek (#24). A favorite "road-trip story" began at this swap when one collector brought along some material that 'blew everyone's mind.'

The initial issue of the journal was dated May-June of 1984, which is when the first membership year started. The club has kept its unusual membership year as May-to-April in order to make it more convenient for members to renew, thus avoiding the confusion involved with the numerous December membership deadlines of most other clubs.

For five years, Kunz kept the PATCO Journals coming out once every two months as the club's membership climbed into the triple digits. The membership continues to hold strong at about 100 collectors.

"It was a different time then," Kunz admitted. "It was a lot more relaxed. Too much of that 'coin collector mentality' has come into tokens lately."

With Kunz now becoming the last of the original four members to serve the club as president, it's hoped that PATCO can help regain the spirit of fun and fellowship that the token and medal hobby has represented to so many of us for so long.

# PATCO SWAP & MEETING

Saturday, June 18, 1994

A PATCO club meeting and swap will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Eva Gymnastics Club, 1070 3rd St., North Versailles, Pa. To get there:

From the Parkway East (376) - Take Forest Hills Exit to Ardmore Blvd./Route 30 East, follow five miles past two shopping centers and Route 148, make a right onto 3rd Street at Nelson Memorial, go down the hill two blocks and Eva's is on the left.

From the Penna. Turnpike (76) - take Irwin Exit to Route 30 West, follow about four to five miles, turn left onto 3rd Street at Nelson Memorial (sign on pole).



# Dues Deadline

This issue marks the beginning of a new Volume, which means that the 1993 membership year expired with the previous issue in March-April. Members not paid up for this new year will be dropped from the mailing list after this issue (the red "X" accompanying some journals is intended to notify delinquent members).

The dues are still \$5 for a Regular (adult) membership, \$3 for an Associate (no journal), \$3 for a Junior (under 18), or \$100 for a Lifetime.

A check made out to PATCO can be sent to: Treasurer Jim Hartman, P.O. Box 1702, Beaver Falls, PA 15101.

As you know from the theme of this issue, PATCO has survived for 10 years thanks to the continuing support of members like you. So let's get the next 10 years off to a good start by having 100% renewal and by recruiting some new members.

*In other business, I mentioned some plastic trade tokens in the last issue that Dave Lane contributed to the club. The thick plastic pieces proved too bulky to to send economically through the mail with the journal, so if you want a set just send me a stamped envelope (SASE). Since only the tokens will be enclosed in the envelope, a 29¢ stamp should cover it. The red and green obsolete tokens, which were used in Lane's family business are from West Kittanning, Pa. and were good for one drink at Lane's Inn. The address to write for the tokens is: Rich Bottles Jr., 589 S. Pike St., Shinnston, WV 26431.*

I received just one nomination to fill the club president position, which was vacated by resignation earlier this year. The nomination was made for James Kunz, who was the original editor of the journal and a founding charter member of the club. Because he has agreed to serve and there were no other nominations, Jim is our new president.

*Club member Richard Crosby reports the discovery of a postage scale from Menzie Dairy Co. of McKeesport, Pa., at a Pittsburgh area antique shop. He'd like to hear from anyone who is familiar with the device or similar scales (his address is on the Free Ads page).*

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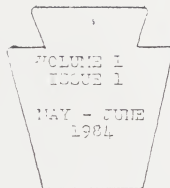
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WANTED: Articles and listings, long or short, on any and all exonomia and other small collectibles. Jim Kunz, Editor, PATCO Journal, 3333 Fleming Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212

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VICE-PRES: Jim Kriss, 209 Edward Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216  
SEC-TRES: Rodger Hershey, 175 Crescent Hills Rd., Pittsburgh,  
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## *Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization*

July-August 1994

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### *In this issue:*

*"KDKA Closes in on 75th Year"*

*"Books on Boggs' Bills"*

*Editor's Notes*



*(KDKA file photo of the first scheduled radio broadcast  
on November 2, 1920, and the medal design it inspired)*

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# KDKA Closes in on 75th Year

by Rich Bottles Jr.

Before KDKA starts a saturation of the airwaves over its 75th anniversary of the first scheduled public radio broadcast next year, I thought I'd jump the gun by describing a medal dated for the station's 50th anniversary.

In 1970, KDKA was featured on a silver, 39mm, medal. The obverse illustrated three men seated at a switchboard, the center man apparently speaking into a boxed microphone, with the words "50 YEARS OF BROADCASTING / KDKA - PITTSBURGH" on a ribbon.

The reverse illustrated presidential candidates Warren G. Harding and James M. Cox under an eagle design and the words "FIRST SCHEDULED RADIO BROADCAST / NOVEMBER 2, 1920 / HARDING VS. COX (on a ribbon) / RB / ELECTION RETURNS.

What KDKA broadcast that day in 1920 was news that Republican Harding soundly defeated his Democratic opponent 404 electoral votes (16,152,200 popular) to 127 (9,147,353). The station probably had great demographics for the broadcast too, since it was the first presidential election in which all women could vote.

Dr. Frank Conrad, a ham radio operator and engineer/scientist for Westinghouse, was responsible for the broadcast, which originated from a studio atop the Westinghouse Building in Pittsburgh. The Westinghouse Company was also responsible for the reception, selling popular \$10 radios to people in the Pittsburgh area.

As radio grew in popularity, the Federal Radio Commission was established and it began assigning call signs to new stations, specifically call letters that started with a "K" for stations west of the Mississippi River and "W" for those east. Since KDKA had already been established, it was permitted to keep its "K."

KDKA 1020, along with its sister "Group W" (Westinghouse) stations of WBZ 1030 in Boston and AYW 1060 in Philadelphia, broadcast at 50,000 watts of power, which can send a radio signal hundreds of miles especially at night (in fact, you can sometimes hear Boston in Pittsburgh and vice-versa).



## Books on Boggs' Bills



PATCO member Wayne K. Homren, author of a recent Numismatist cover article on "Money Artist" J.S.G. Boggs, obtained some books about Boggs in a trade with the artist.

"Boggs visited my home one evening, and I showed him a collection of Depression Scrip I was thinking of selling," explained Homren. "Boggs was intrigued by the notes, and said he'd like to buy them. Before long we had negotiated a trade, and I ended up with multiple copies of two books relating to his work."

The books include a hardcover work by The New-Yorker magazine writer Lawrence Weschler entitled Shapinsky's Karma, Boggs's Bills, and Other True-Life Tales; and a softcover catalog of the Tampa Museum of Art's travelling exhibit of Boggs' work entitled J.S.G. Boggs Smart Money (Hard Currency).

Homren has also obtained a supply of four books by the late Francis Pessolano-Filos, who performed an extensive research project on aspects of U.S. Mint medals and their engravers. The books are titled The Assay Medals and the Assay Commission 1841-1977; Selected Washington Medals and Tokens 1792-1977; Medals of the Presidents, Secretaries of the Treasury, and Directors of the U.S. Mint 1789-1981; and The Venus Numismatics Dictionary of Artists, Designers, Modellers, Engravers, and Die Sinkers Whose Works were Commissioned or Stuck by the U.S. Mint 1792-1977.

"I was familiar with the Assay Medal book, and was curious about the other works by the author," Homren concluded. "I eventually contacted the author's son and purchased the remaining titles in the series."

Homren is also preparing for a lecture for the American Numismatic Society's 1994 Coinage of the Americas Conference, which will be held in New York City on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The conference has adopted the theme of "The Token - America's Other Money," and will feature discussions on pre-20th Century American tokens and exhibits of related material, including major private and public token collections.

Homren, who will speak on "John Gault and J.C. Ayer: An Encased Postage Stamp Maker and His Largest Client," will be joined at the podium by such well-known numismatists as Q. David Bowers ("Two Coins in One: Large Cents with Interesting Counterstamps"), Kenneth E. Bressett ("Bryan Campaign Tokens"), George Cuhaj ("Early New York City Transportation: Tickets and Tokens") and George Fuld ("Civil War Tokens").

## Editor's Notes

I hope to get the next issue of the Journal out in late September or very early October in order to remind members of the swap that will be held in conjunction with the annual Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) Show on Oct. 15 in Monroeville (see back page). Our last swap was a bit low on attendance, perhaps because of the Father's Day weekend, but the PAN Show swap is usually very well attended thanks to the added feature of a bourse floor of coins.

Thus keep this proposed publication date in mind when you send me your ads and, hopefully, stories for the Sept.-Oct. issue.

# A DOUBLE SAWBUCK!!

(That's \$20.00)

For the first one received of each and every Pennsylvania municipal trade token on this list. Get out your albums and turn tokens into cash!

1963 Bessemer Borough	1966 Cambridge Springs in OXBR
1969 Carnegie	1965 Charleroi
1966 Dallastown in AL	1963 Erie Winter Carnival silver plate
1967 Huntington in BR and OXBR	1964 Irwin in OXBR
1961 Jonestown up/up	1967 Lower Paxton Twp. in OXBR
1962 Marietta	1973 Mars
1972 Mount Carmel	1962 Mt. Lebanon Twp. exp 7/6
1970 Perry County in NS	1963 Schaefferstown holed at top
1963 Six Mile Run in OXBR	1965 Stroudsburg in OXBR
1976 Sunbury	1963 Youngsville in OXBR

**\$50 REWARD** for 1963 West Virginia centennial dollar in brass (uniface)

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## The Publications of Francis Pessolano-Filos

*These four books were a labor of love researched, written, and produced by the late Mr. Pessolano-Filos after retiring from the insurance business in 1969.*

3. Pessolano-Filos, Francis, *The Venus Numismatics Dictionary of Artists, Designers, Modellers, Engravers, and Die Sinkers Whose Works were Commissioned or Struck by the United States Mint 1972-1977*, Eros Publishing Co., New York, NY, 1983, 8vo, 207pp, HB with D/J, \$45  
*Contains biographical sketches of 250 artists and lists the coin and medal work of each.*
4. Pessolano-Filos, Francis, *The Assay Medals and The Assay Commissions 1841-1977*, Eros Publishing Co., New York, NY, 1983, 319pp, small 4to, HB with D/J, \$50  
*Contains photos and descriptions of every assay medal produced and lists the members of every commission. Only 300 copies printed*
5. Pessolano-Filos, Francis, *Selected Washington Medals and Tokens: 1792-1977*, Eros Publishing Co. New York, NY, 1984 94pp, 4to, HB with D/J, \$55  
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6. Pessolano-Filos, Francis, *Medals of the Presidents, Secretaries of the Treasury, and Directors of the U.S. Mint 1789-1981*, Eros Publishing Co., New York, NY, 1987. 263pp in four parts. 4to, HB with D/J, \$75 *Only 200 copies printed*

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## *Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization*

September-October 1994

Volume 11-Issue 3

### *In this issue:*

*"From Crackers to Corporation"*

*by Larry Dziubek*

*"Hobby Ideas"*

*& Swap/PAN Show announcements*



*(Photocopies of a wooden dollar and a shellcard-like  
embossed mirror that are described inside the Journal)*

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## Hobby Ideas

To the left and right are a couple of ideas that might make your collecting pursuits more fun.

The wooden dollar that is pictured below combines the benefits of a personal token with a want list. The wooden composition of the dollar also allows the list to be updated as tokens are found, using a dark marker to cross off the finds.

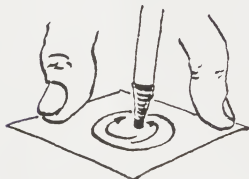
>The idea to the right of the page is from Colonel Walter Caldwell's "Token Talk" newsletter.

If you've had trouble making decent rubbings of your tokens for stories or correspondence, give this method a try.



### HOW TO MAKE TOKEN RUBBINGS

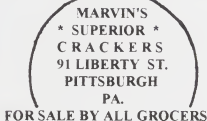
Have you ever received a request from a cataloguer or another collector for a rubbing of a particular token?? Here's an easy way to make rubbings as presented to me several years ago by Gordon Dodrill.



1. PLACE TOKEN DOWN WITH CIGARETTE PAPER COVERING IT. PLACE 2 X 2 HOLDER (WITH CELLOPHANE REMOVED) OVER TOKEN. PRESS PAPER FIRMLY INTO TOKEN WITH THUMB, AND RUB PENCIL OVER THE PAPER IN A CIRCULAR MOTION BRINGING OUT THE FIRST IMPRESSION (A).
2. RUN THE IMPRESSION THROUGH THE COPY MACHINE FOR IMPRESSION (B) AND RETOUCH WITH BLACK BALL-POINT PEN AND WHITE CORRECTION FLUID (C).

## FROM CRACKERS TO CORPORATION

A couple of months ago I noticed an item in a small auction list described as a mirror with a Brass reverse very much like a 19th Century embossed shellcard which read:



At the first opportunity I went to the library to seek out the Pittsburgh City Directories to pinpoint the time frame that this merchant was in business at the listed address. Research provided the following bits of information.

1863-1864	W.K.MARVIN , bakery , 64 Fourth . res. New York City
1864-1865	S.S.MARVIN. 64 Fourth, beds 104 Fourth
1866-1867	S.S.MARVIN. cracker baker. 64 Fourth
1867-1868	SAMUEL S. MARVIN. cracker baker. 91 Liberty, h. 50 Ferry
1868-1869	S.S.MARVIN. cracker baker. 91 Liberty, h 55 Second
1870-1871	S.S.MARVIN. " 91-93 Liberty. 55 Second Av.
1874-1875	S.S.MARVIN. " h 192 Fayette, Allegheny
1877-1878	S.S.MARVIN. " "
1879-1880	S.S.MARVIN. " h Emsworth
1882-1883	S.S.MARVIN & Co. Cracker Bakers and MANES Pancake Flour 91 & 97 Liberty Ave h Emsworth Station
1884-1885	S.S.MARVIN & Co. 91-97 Liberty & NEW 405 to 421 LIBERTY
1886	" Liberty between Fourth & Fifth
1887-1888	" " "
1888-1889	" " "
1893-1894	S.S.MARVIN & Co., Branch of U.S.Baking Co., Wholesale Cracker Bakers and Manf's. Pancake Flour. 409 to 421 Liberty Ave. and 18 Fifth Ave., Sylvester S. Marvin President. h Amberson Ave
1899-1900	" NATIONAL BISCUIT CO.

So it seems certain that the embossed advertising mirror was issued between 1867 and 1885, as this was the period when the baker conducted business there. Further investigation reveals that the elder Mr. Marvin established a bakery in Pittsburgh that was taken over by his son Sylvester S(amuel) Marvin shortly after he returned from his stint as a soldier in the Union Army. He is credited with the introduction of the Oyster Cracker to the industry. He became the president of the United States Baking Company, which was composed of local bakeries in Ohio, Indiana, and western Pennsylvania. There was much in the way of mergers and unification of bakeries in the 1890's. The greatest organizer of this activity was a lawyer named Adolphus W. Green of Chicago. He was the driving force that caused the huge merger that became National Biscuit Company and later NABISCO. He changed the industry with innovations of packaging, advertising, and speedy transportation of his numerous products. It was into this corporation that Marvin's was absorbed in the late 1890's. No longer on the Pittsburgh scene. LARRY DZIUBEK

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## PATCO SWAP & MEETING

**Saturday, Oct 15, 1994**

A PATCO club meeting and swap will be held from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Pittsburgh Expomart in Monroeville, PA (near the Monroeville Mall), along Business Route 22.

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See back page for more details.



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by Rich Bottles Jr.

"Secretary-Treasurer Report"



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## The Farmers Dog

by Rich Bottles Jr.



If you collect southwestern Pennsylvania trade tokens, chances are you've noticed the similarities of the "saving checks" issued by The East End Savings & Trust Company, Ambridge Savings & Trust Co., Carnegie Trust Co., Union National Bank, Wilksburg Real Estate & Trust Co., and the Farmers Deposit Savings Bank of Pittsburgh.

All the sets are aluminum, octagonal in shape, begin with the denomination of  $\frac{1}{2}$ c, promise 4% interest on savings, and have a deposit deadline set in the year 1918. The Farmers Deposit Savings Bank tokens have two distinctions from the other sets - denominations are known up through \$1 and the familiar depiction of a pitbull.

In 1832, a group of stockholders agreed to pay \$10 each as a downpayment, with continuing payments of \$2 a week for 10 years, in order to establish the Pittsburgh Savings Fund Company on St. Clair/Sixth Street near the Allegheny Bridge. It was incorporated two years later and survived the Hard Times Panic of 1837 thanks to its conservative management policies and its liability limitations.

The institution changed its name to the Farmers Deposit Bank in 1841, and later to Farmers Deposit National Bank in 1902 when it was reorganized under a national charter.

One year later, the operation moved to its own 24-story building, located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Wood Street, and organized a savings division called the Farmers Deposit Savings Bank (the name on the tokens).

The image of the dog, whose name is Prince, actually predates the name Farmers Deposit Savings Bank and the 24-story building. Thomas Hart Givens, who served as president of both the Farmers Deposit Bank and the Farmers Deposit Savings Bank, first allowed the dog to come into old bank building in 1889. By 1898, the dog was a common sight lying on its own rug in front of the vault and was soon considered to be the bank's mascot and corporate logo.

Prince was probably not related to the Coppertone attack dog or the RCA pitbull, who leisurely spent its time listening to phonograph records instead of guarding large sums of money.

The signature of E.B. Coll on the obverse stands

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for Edward B. Coll, who worked his way up to become president of the Farmers Deposit Saving Bank after Givens died in 1919.

The common reverse inscription of all denominations of the Farmers set reads as follows:  
NON-TRANSFERABLE / SAVINGS CHECK / (dog with "PRINCE/M" on shoulders adjacent to book with "BANK / BOOK / OF / B. Thrifty" on cover) / WORTH MONEY / WHEN / DEPOSITED / PAT. APL'D FOR.

The obverse of the tokens are identical, except for the denominations which are: 1/2¢ (22mm token size), 1¢ (26mm), 2¢ (28mm), 5¢ (31mm), 25¢ (33mm), 50¢ (35mm) and ONE DOLLAR (38mm). The obverse inscription of the 1/2¢ token is: DEPOSIT IN / FARMERS / DEPOSIT SAVINGS / BANK OF PITTSBURGH / BEFORE JAN. 1ST 1918 / AND WE WILL CREDIT / 1/2¢ / ON 4% SAVINGS ACCOUNT / SUBJECT TO OUR RULES / E.B. COLL / CASHIER.

As most collectors know, the 1/2¢ Farmers token is extremely common, but the large mintage has produced at least one die variety. In all denominations, the dog's left ear ends somewhere underneath the letter "A" of the word SAVINGS. But in some 1/2¢ pieces, the ear ends under the "V."



(Enlargements of the obverse sides of the 1/2-50¢ pieces)

**SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT**

The last swap was held at the Pittsburgh Expomart in Monroeville. We had about 15 members and a couple guests there. No club business was held but an active buying, selling and trading session took place for the whole time we had the room. We even had some "lost" members renew their expired membership during the swap. Our membership now stands at 85 including 3 life members. We also send out some free issues for publicity (TAMS) and have 1 associate member. Our membership number would seem adequate for our organization but in reality, we have lost about 20 per cent of our members in the past two years. I would like to urge everyone to try to sign up a friend or two. Our dues are quite reasonable in comparison to some of the other regional clubs. Membership applications can be obtained by writing to me or use the one below. Our next swap will be held sometime in February. Anyone who can come up with a place to meet can contact Rich Bottles, Jim Kunz or myself. We have to know as soon as possible in order to include the date, time and location in the next PATCO journal. Our cash balance as of this report is \$434.10 and includes about 420 pre-stamped business letters.

Jim Hartman

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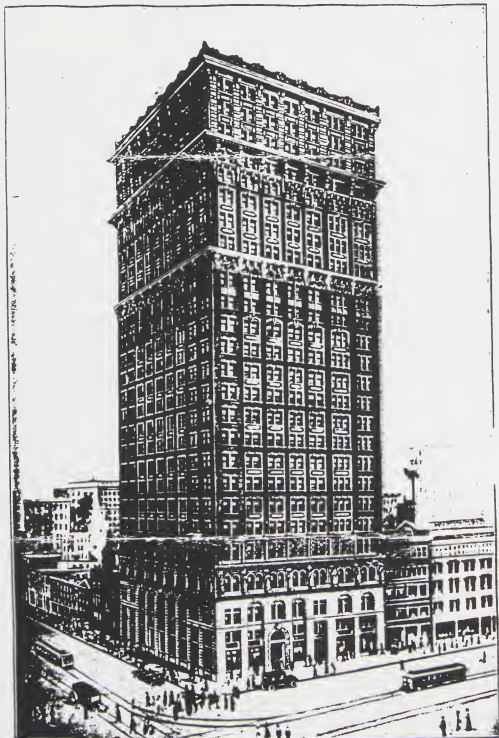
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*(Enlarged photos of the Olson Farms 5¢ dairy token)*

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# Memorial Medals of J. Edgar Hoover

by Rich Bottles Jr.

Most numismatists would expect to find a medal honoring an American named Hoover for sale at the Philadelphia Mint; but recently I was pleasantly surprised to find one there that honored a Hoover other than the former U.S. President, especially since I already owned two privately-minted silver medals portraying this sometimes controversial man.

And with the FBI being in a state of change this year, specifically with the Criminal Justice Information Service (CJIS) Division's much-publicized move from Headquarters in Washington, D.C., to its new facility in north central West Virginia, the Bureau seems to have overlooked an important anniversary that the year 1995 represents in the FBI's history.

Thanks to a number of memorial medals which were minted twenty-three years ago, numismatists can be reminded that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was born 100 years ago on Jan. 1, 1895. At least three of these medals were produced following Hoover's death on May 2, 1972.

Two of the medals were minted in silver by private companies. The smallest, measuring about 44 mm, was issued by the Longines-Wittnauer company. It features Hoover standing in front of the Capitol Building on the obverse of the medal, and the inscription "Enforcer of the law and upholder of civic order, Hoover served his country almost 50 years - under 8 presidents" on the reverse.

A larger silver medal, measuring 57 mm, was minted by the Medallic Art Co. of New York. A large bust of Hoover dominates the obverse, which also features his well-known signature, while the reverse side of the medal portrays the symbolic figure of Justice holding a set of scales.

A third medal, produced by the United States Mint in Philadelphia, is made of bronze and measures in as the largest medal of the series at 76 mm. This medal

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was designed by the mint's chief engraver Frank Gasparro, who also designed the Dwight D. Eisenhower and Susan B. Anthony dollar coins.

The mint's medal comes the closest to portraying Hoover with a smile instead of his trademark grimace. Displayed behind his shoulders are the Department of Justice Building and the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building. The reverse side states his years of service as 1924-1972, which represents the date of May 10, 1924, when he was named acting director of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation.

By depicting the old Department of Justice Building, where the FBI originally had its Headquarters offices, and the newer J. Edgar Hoover Building, which is located directly across the street on Pennsylvania Avenue in D.C., the Mint's medal symbolizes the Bureau's tremendous growth as a government agency. That growth continues today as the Bureau's largest Division moves into a new high-tech building near Clarksburg, W.V.

All three Hoover medals make reference to the Bureau's motto of "Fidelity-Bravery-Integrity," which was coined by Edward Tamm, who was one of Hoover's top aides, in 1934 when the Bureau officially changed its name from the Bureau of Investigation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The bronze medal is still sold by the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, Pa. The silver pieces were both numbered on the sides and only sold for a limited time, but they do turn up occasionally at coin and antique shows.

*The author would be grateful in hearing about any other J. Edgar Hoover medals that PATCO members may know of (for instance, I have heard rumors of a privately-issued bronze medal of Hoover but have never seen one offered anywhere). I'm also interested in researching the Japanese Internment Camp fiber tokens that were issued by the Department of Justice during World War II, especially information such as the denominations that are known.*

*If you have a special side interest that you collect, even if it's not Pennsylvania-related, PATCO welcomes you to write a story about it. Your fellow members may even be able to help you add to your collection, or to your knowledge of the subject!*



# Portersville Remembered

by Rich Bottles Jr.

Last Fall, the town of Portersville celebrated its 150th anniversary by issuing a wooden quarter. The small Butler County town, located along the Route 19 & Interstate 79 corridors near Moraine State Park, is already known to Pennsylvania exonumists for its dairy tokens.

The town, which was once a depot for the Western Allegheny Railroad (the train route is now partially covered by the waters of Moraine's Lake Arthur), was originally known as Stewartsville in honor of a settler named Robert Stewart. It was later incorporated as the Borough of Portersville in 1844.

The Portersville Creamery was one of the major businesses noted in the town's modest economic history, but another dairy named Olson Farms has better secured its place in history because of the tokens that have survived bearing its name.

The two tokens known from Olson's Farm include a common brass, 18mm, one-cent piece, and a much rarer aluminum, 29mm, five-cent piece. The inscriptions on the two pieces are the same, except for the denomination numeral.

The obverse inscription reads "OLSON FARMS / (triangle design) / PORTERSVILLE, / (wave design) / PA." The reverse is "GOOD FOR / 1¢ / IN TRADE. At first glance, it appears that no comma follows the town name on the one-cent piece, but on pieces with little wear the comma can be seen as overlapping the beaded border.

The newly issued wooden quarter, which is actually a standard-sized wooden nickel of 38mm, features the following words in black ink: "PORTERSVILLE / SESQUICENTENNIAL / 1844-1994" on the obverse; and "WOODEN / 2(money bag with "\$" label)5¢ / QUARTER" on the reverse.

The wooden quarters were being sold at their non-redeemable face value during the borough's 150th anniversary festivities, which featured lots of rain, last August. It is illustrated in actual size below.



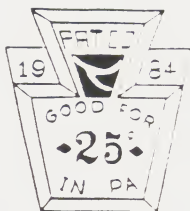
# PATCO SWAP & MEETING

Saturday, Feb. 25, 1995

A PATCO club meeting and swap will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Consolidated Coal Co. building (where swaps used to be held a few years ago). It's still located at the intersection of Route 19 South (Washington Road) and Fort Couch Road, approximately 15 minutes south of Pittsburgh, adjacent to South Hills Village Mall. This portion of Route 19 near Bethel Park is accessible from Interstate 79, south of Pittsburgh.

Hope to see y'all there!

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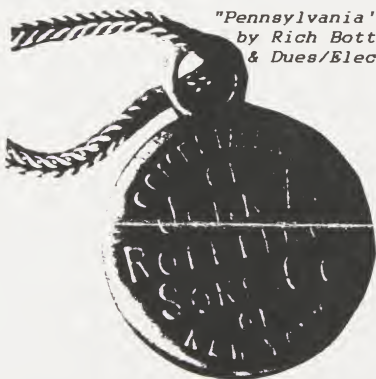
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(An enlarged photo of a (silver/white metal/nickel?) keychain tag issued by the John A. Roebling's Sons Co., which was founded in western Pennsylvania. Enlarged photographs of a medal honoring Roebling are inside.)

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# Pennsylvania's Suspenders

by Rich Bottles Jr.

What ties the Eighth Wonder of the World to the small Butler County town of Saxonburg? Wire rope, of course, courtesy of the town's founder John Augustus Roebling.

Roebling was born June 12, 1806, in the walled city of Muhlhausen, Germany. He earned a Civil Engineering degree at the Royal Polytechnic Institute in Berlin and subsequently turned down a guaranteed lifetime Government position in order to see what America had to offer.

In May of 1831, he and an older brother, Karl, left Germany on a 2½ month sea voyage that took them to Philadelphia. After learning some English in the City of Brotherly Love, the brothers traveled west in search of a place to settle, traveling via the Pennsylvania Canal and the Portage Railroad, experiencing some inclined planes along the way.

In Pittsburgh, they met a woman named Mrs. Collins who wanted to sell a large tract of land in Butler County, which she had purchased from the estate of Revolutionary figure Robert Morris. The price of the land was \$1.37 per acre and the Roeblings picked up thousands of acres.

Upon arriving at his new homestead in Jefferson Township in 1832, John A. Roebling immediately began laying out a town in classic German style (a broad Main Street flanked by small farm-sized lots). He first considered naming the town Germania, but finally decided on Saxonburg.

His own house, the first to be built in the area, was completed from logs cut on the property in 1833. In 1836, he built a new house closer to the town upon marrying Johanna Herting.

Roebling found the tract hard to farm because of the clay soil, drainage problems and the cold winters. The location also proved to be a burden, thanks to the poor conditions of the nearby Freeport and Pittsburgh roadways.

Still, this didn't stop him from sending hundreds of letters to acquaintances in Germany, inviting them to come and live in his Utopian village. Many people accepted his invitations, especially since his terms of payment for the lots were a bargain, and the community soon became self-sufficient.

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On May 26, 1837, John and Johanna Roebling had the first of their nine children, naming this original child Washington Augustus Roebling. Tiring of farm life, John started to travel to Pittsburgh to seek work as an engineer.

He was soon building dams and locks for both the Sandy & Beaver and the Pennsylvania canals. He then led a corps of state engineers in surveying the Pennsylvania Railroad route over the Allegheny Mountains.

Surveying such railway routes meant studying the existing systems of the Portage Railroad, which included its inclined planes. Here he saw the definite disadvantages of using heavy hempen cables in transportation.

Back at his workshop in Saxonburg during 1841, Roebling began developing the technology necessary to twist seven strands of wire into one large rope. The result was a rope that was not only thinner, but was stronger and lasted longer than the thick hemp ropes.

The Portage Railroad began using the new wire rope on its entire system, while inclined planes of the Delaware & Hudson Canal, Pennsylvania Coal Company and New Jersey's Morris Canal followed suit.

In 1844, Roebling used his new rope to build a bridge across the Allegheny River in Pittsburgh, and then went on to construct the Monogahela Bridge at Sligo in 1846.

Construction and transportation costs involved in manufacturing his wire rope in the remote area of western Pennsylvania soon made it necessary to move the business further to the east. In 1847, Roebling moved his plant to the railyards and shipyards near New York City in the town of Trenton, N.J.

Years later in 1860, he returned to Pittsburgh to replace an unsafe wooden bridge built in 1818 with the Pittsburgh-Allegheny Bridge. By this time, he had a number of suspension bridges to his name.

After leaving service from the Civil War in 1865 as a Colonel, John's eldest son Washington Augustus, joined his other three brothers and his father in running the John A. Roebling's Sons Company.

With the formation of a closed corporation in 1867, Washington served as president, Charles as vice president, Ferdinand as secretary-treasurer and Edmund as bookkeeper.

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Only a project like the Brooklyn Bridge could shake the family's foundation.

Shortly after the incorporation, John A. Roebling accepted the position of chief engineer for a project that some would later refer to as the Eighth Wonder of the World.

He drew up the plans for the massive concrete and steel structure of the Brooklyn Bridge, and supervised much of the early construction.

But during a routine inspection in the summer of 1869, John Roebling became injured when his foot was crushed between a ferryboat and some wood pilings near the bottom of the construction site. A doctor amputated Roebling's injured toes, but the master engineer refused to take further orders from the physician and subsequently died of tetanus on July 22, 1869.

Washington Roebling quickly took over the duties of chief engineer on the project, but he became partially paralyzed from an under-water accident at the construction site in 1872.

Bed-ridden for the next 11 years, Washington relied completely on his wife, Emily, to relay his detailed instructions to the bridge's construction crew.

It wasn't until May 24, 1883, that the Brooklyn Bridge was finished and officially opened for traffic. A quarter of a million people crossed over the bridge during that opening day.

In 1952, the surviving heirs of the John A. Roebling's Sons Company sold the 111-year-old family business to the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, Inc.

At some point during the business's New Jersey/New York history, it issued a 20mm silverish-looking keychain tag with the inscription: "COMPLIMENTS / OF / JOHN A. / ROEBLING'S / SONS CO. / OF / NEW YORK".

In honor of John A. Roebling, the town of Saxonburg commissioned the Franklin Mint to produce 39mm silver medals for the community's 150th anniversary celebration in 1982. The .999-fine silver medals were originally sold for \$30 each by a sporting goods shop in Saxonburg.

The medal has the following inscriptions: "Founder of Saxonburg - John A. Roebling / (portrait of Roebling)" on the obverse, and "Saxonburg Sesquicentennial - 1832-1982 / (church & flag) / In God We Trust" on the reverse.



Johnny outlines his plan to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I.

We need PATCO members to renew!

Johnny, this looks like the greatest threat the world has ever faced, and I fully endorse your program. The complete resources of the F.B.I. are yours to command.

# Renewal Time

As always, the March-April issue of the PATCO Journal marks the end of the regular membership year for the club. Thus, your fellow members are hoping you'll join them in sending in your dues to club treasurer Jim Hartman for the upcoming membership year. This would also be a great time to introduce your collecting friends to PATCO, because every new member makes the club stronger.

Also, if anyone would like to nominate someone for one of the club officer positions, please send me (Richard Bottles) their names so that we can get a ballot into the next issue. Any nominations sent to me will be handled in the strictest confidence, with me only contacting the nominated person and asking if he/she would be willing to serve in the position if elected.